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PROTEINS AND PEPTIDES THEREOF FOR THE TREATMENT AND DETECTION OF STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTION Confirmation No.: 4163

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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 8, 2006, please extend the period for response by one (1) month to May 8, 2006. This Response is accompanied by a Petition for a One (1) Month Extension of Time, up to and including May 8, 2006, and the requisite fee. It is believed that no fee(s) other than the fee for the Petition for a One (1) Month Extension of Time is required for this submission. Should, however, the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any other fee(s) are due or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.